

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: *CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATES WITH TETHERED CELL GROWTH EFFECTOR
MOLECULES*

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 14, 1997, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Specification

On page 1, line 19, change "ingestible" to --ingestibility--.

On page 11, line 3, change "know" to --known--.

In the Claims

1. (twice amended) A composition for stimulating the growth of eukaryotic cells comprising
a biocompatible solid substrate,
biocompatible synthetic water soluble polymeric tethers, and
growth effector molecules,